

Bitter Lake Reservoir Improvement Project



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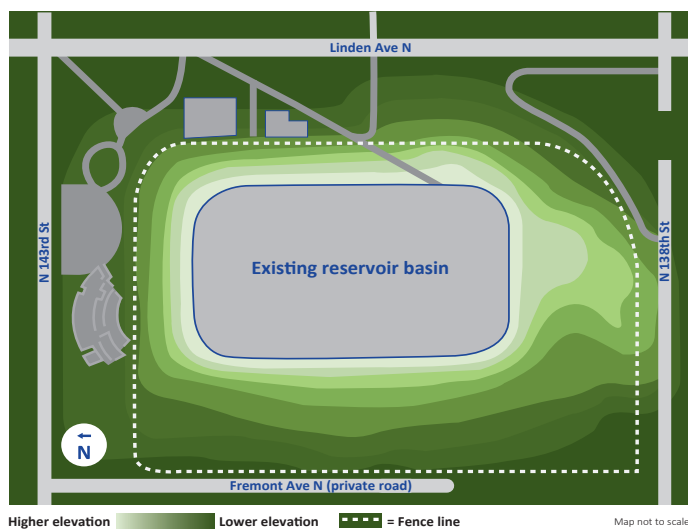
Clean, safe, and protected drinking water with more community open space

Project Overview

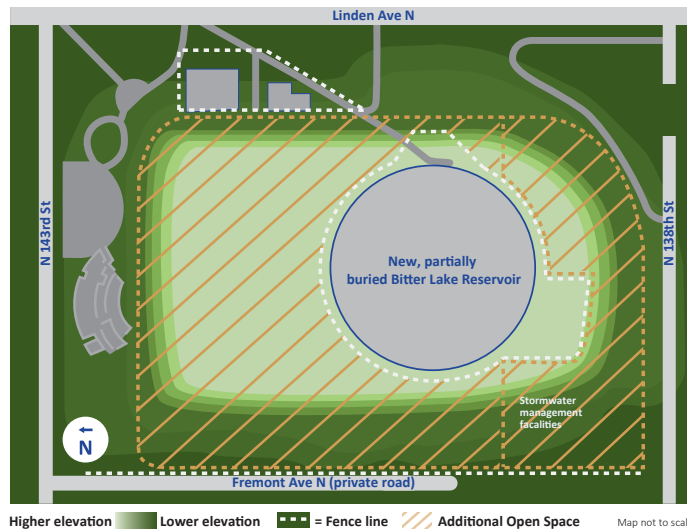
Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is replacing the existing 21-million-gallon drinking water reservoir in the Bitter Lake neighborhood. The new reservoir, which will hold the same amount of water as the current reservoir, will be partially buried and have a smaller footprint. This provides the opportunity to develop an expanded park with more recreation amenities and public art for the community to enjoy after the new reservoir is constructed.

This project is a One Seattle effort to provide the Bitter Lake neighborhood with a new reservoir, additional open space, and public art. SPU is leading the design of the new reservoir, in coordination with Seattle Parks and Recreation, the Office of Arts & Culture, and the Department of Neighborhoods. Community engagement efforts will be coordinated, and public feedback will be shared between the four departments.

Existing Reservoir Site



New Reservoir Site



Location

The reservoir is on a 13-acre property southwest of the Linden Ave and N 143rd St intersection in North Seattle. About four acres is currently open public space, a playground, and a community garden.

Schedule

Design, permitting, and community outreach began in 2022 and will continue into 2025. The community outreach team will engage nearby neighbors and community stakeholders at design milestones to gather feedback on project designs. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 and continue through 2029.

Community Benefits

This project is part of SPU's regional drinking water system. When construction is complete, the new reservoir will provide protection from sunlight, dirt, leaves, and other debris to help preserve water service and quality for years to come. Additionally, the project will provide more park space and public art for the community to enjoy.

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